

- b. said base station having a computer to communicate at least patient data to and from a data storage/processor portion of said portable heart monitor and therapy device;
- c. a recharging circuit to provide a current to a rechargeable battery portion of said portable heart monitor and therapy device; and
- d. a maintenance circuit to provide an indication of the operating condition of said portable heart monitor and therapy device.

REMARKS

New claim 30 has been added which is drawn to a battery management system for a portable patient worn heart monitor and therapy device. The patient worn heart monitor and therapy device itself is not deemed necessary to the invention since the base station alone includes limitations not met by the prior art.

35 U.S.C. § 102 REJECTION

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 6, 9, 14, 17-25, 28 and 29 under Section 102(b) as anticipated by Ikeda '956. The Examiner simply states that those claims are "clearly anticipated" by Ikeda.

Ikeda discloses in column 2 that the device basically consists of a "recharging apparatus 1" having a "battery receiving portion 4" to which a "battery 2" can be received. As shown in Figure 3, the device further includes a "terminal plate 42" which is connected to the recharging apparatus 1 via the cable 30. The terminal plate 42 is configured to removably attach to a video tape recorder 43. The terminal plate 42 is